



## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 16.

**DATE OF MEETING:** September 7, 2010

**REQUESTED BY:** Michael G. Mack, Director, PCU

**SHORT TITLE:** Resolution by the Board of Commissioners Approving the Award of the Base Bid Plus the Second Clearwell Add Alternate for the Pender County Surface Water Treatment Plant to Crowder Construction Company in the Amount of \$21,507,000 and Award of the Base Bid for the Pender County Finished Water Transmission Main to R.H. Moore Company, Inc. in the Amount of \$7,249,179 and the Authorization of Respective Purchase Orders Contingent Upon LGC Interim Financing Approval.

**BACKGROUND:** PCU received bids for the construction of the 2 MGD Surface Water Treatment Plant on July 29, 2010. The bidder's response was excellent with seven of the nine Pre-Qualified Contractors submitting bids. The County's Engineer, Camp, Dresser, McKee (CDM) has reviewed the bids, completed the Bid Tabulation, completed the due diligence on the Contractor, and recommends award of the Water Treatment Plant contract to Crowder Construction Company. Staff has also received USDA-RD concurrence on the recommendation of award.

PCU also received 10 bids from the 11 Pre-Qualified Contractors for the construction of approximately 60,000 linear feet of 20-inch and 24-inch water transmission main to connect the Water Treatment Plant to the existing Rocky Point/Topsail Distribution Main on July 29, 2010. Staff, CDM, and USDA-RD recommend award of the Finished Water Transmission Main contract to R.H. Moore Company, Inc.

The Bid Tabulations and Recommendation of Award from CDM and USDA-RD are provided.

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** The Board of Commissioners is requested to approve the contract award and authorize a Purchase Order of the Base Bid and second clearwell Add Alternate for the Water Treatment Plant to Crowder Construction Company in the amount of \$21,507,000 and approve the contract award and authorize a Purchase Order of the Base Bid for the Finished Water Transmission Main to R.H. Moore Company, Inc. in the Amount of \$7,249,179. Both Contract awards are contingent upon LGC interim financing approval.





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August 11, 2010

Mr. Michael G. Mack  
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Pender County Utilities  
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Subject: Pender County Surface Water Treatment Plant  
and Pender County Finished Water Transmission Main  
CDM Project No.: 67476-66236

Dear Michael:

CDM has evaluated the bids for the Pender County Surface Water Treatment Plant project and for the Pender County Finished Water Transmission Main project. We understand that the County is interested in proceeding with the Surface Water Treatment Plant base bid plus second clearwell alternate and with the base bid for the Finished Water Transmission Main project. Crowder Construction Company is the lowest cost bidder for the water treatment plant under any combination of alternates and R.H. Moore is the lowest cost bidder for the transmission main. CDM recommends award of the Surface Water Treatment Plant contract to Crowder Construction Company for \$21,507,000 for the base bid plus the second clearwell add alternate, and CDM recommends award of the Finished Water Transmission Main to R.H. Moore Company, Inc. for \$7,249,179 since Crowder Construction Company and R.H. Moore Company, Inc. appear to be the lowest responsible, responsive bidders. The bid tabulations are attached for reference.

Very truly yours,

William B. Dowbiggin, P.E., BCEE  
Camp Dresser & McKee

Cc: Steve Smith, USDA  
Brian Noll, USDA  
Brenan Buckley, CDM  
File (66236)



United States Department of Agriculture  
Rural Development  
Lumberton Area Office

August 12, 2009

Pender County Utilities Department  
Mr. Michael Mack, Director  
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Re: Pender County Surface Water Treatment Plant & Transmission Main

Dear Mr. Mack:

Rural Development has reviewed and concurs with the recommendation of awards for the above referenced project as follows:

- Crowder Construction Company for the Surface Water Treatment Plant base bid and second clearwell add alternate in the amount of \$21,507,000;
- R.H. Moore Company, Inc. for the Finished Water Transmission Main based bid in the amount of \$7,249,179.

Once the awards have been provided to the contractors, all parties should proceed expeditiously to execute the contract documents. This project has a 110 day bid hold period for the contractors that the Owner feels have a reasonable chance of receiving the awards; therefore executed contracts should be submitted to Rural Development for review and concurrence as soon as possible.

While securing the executed contract documents, a preconstruction conference must be scheduled. This meeting does require Rural Development's attendance; therefore you should contact our office at (910) 739-3349, Ext 4 to schedule a time convenient for all parties involved.

Note: Further development of the proposed project is subject to LGC approval of the sale as well as the scheduling and closing of the Bond Anticipation Notes for interim financing. Also all applicable permits and easements must be obtained prior to the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

Should you have questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

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